

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Iowa's Children are one of the most precious resources in our state and provide the hope for a brighter tomorrow in Iowa;

WHEREAS, protecting children is everyone's business and we can promote and support safe, healthy families in our community through partnering to protect children;

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community issue and finding solutions depends on involvement and partnerships among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, health care organizations, law enforcement agencies, community leaders, politicians, and the business community;

WHEREAS, all citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community, and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society;

WHEREAS, public awareness regarding child abuse and neglect is encouraged by Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Warren County:

THEREFORE, I, Tom Phillips, Mayor of Norwalk, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Norwalk and urge all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to partner in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Tom Phillips, Mayor

April 7, 2016